

*Interlocal Agreement*  
***Lincoln-Lancaster County Justice Council***

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the City of Lincoln, Nebraska, a municipal corporation, hereinafter referred to as "City," and the County of Lancaster, a governmental subdivision of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "County."

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §13-801 to 13-807) provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised by a public agency of this state may be exercised and enjoyed jointly by agreement with any other public agency of this state having such power or powers, privilege or authority, and

WHEREAS, the City and County recognizes the substantial amount of resources allocated to the justice system and the independence and interrelationships of the justice agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Board and the Lincoln City Council desire to establish a Justice Council: 1) To act as an advisory body to the elected officials to best utilize and make the most efficient use of the system and resources within the justice framework; 2) To act as a body to coordinate communication within the justice system; and 3) To act as a body to conduct research for criminal justice activities within the justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

**(1) Lincoln-Lancaster Justice Council established; membership; method of appointment; tenure of office; officers.**

There is hereby established the Lincoln-Lancaster County Justice Council, hereinafter referred to as "Justice Council." Said Justice Council will be comprised of a maximum of twenty (20) members to be appointed in the following manner:

The following individuals (or their designees as offered to the Justice Council in writing) with the City and the County shall be represented on the Justice Council:

- The Lancaster County Sheriff
- The Lincoln Chief of Police
- The Lancaster County Attorney
- The Lincoln City Attorney
- The Lancaster County Public Defender
- A judge, Lancaster County District Court
- A judge, Lancaster County Court
- A judge, Lancaster County Separate Juvenile Court
- Director of University Police, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- The Corrections Administrator, Lancaster County Department of Corrections
- The Director of the Jennie B. Harrell Juvenile Attention Center

Terms of the appointed Justice Council membership listed above shall be permanent.

The Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and such other officers that the Justice Council deems necessary shall be elected annually by the Justice Council.

**(2) Primary Responsibility of the Justice Council.**

The Justice Council is established with the primary responsibility as follows:

To serve as a vehicle for coordinating planning efforts within the criminal justice system in

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Lincoln/Lancaster County and to serve in an advisory capacity to elected officials regarding the best utilization of the criminal justice system that will accord best with the geographic, economic population and other factors influencing the needs and development of the community.

**(3) The powers and duties of the Justice Council.**

In pursuit of and in addition to the above primary responsibility, the Justice Council and/or its staff may perform such tasks as are assigned by either the Mayor of the City of Lincoln, the Lincoln City Council, or the Lancaster County Board which have a direct or indirect bearing in matters relating to the justice system. Such tasks may include but not be limited to the following:

(a) The Justice Council may appoint such subcommittees, committees, and task forces as it deems necessary. Membership on committees and task forces may be drawn from Justice Council as well as from among other residents of the County.

(b) The Justice Council may at the request of a member of the Justice Council study, or cause to be studied, problems or subjects relating to the provision of justice services within Lancaster County and advise the justice agencies, City Council, County Board, and Mayor with regard to these studies.

(c) The Justice Council may advise and aid in the establishment of coordinated and cooperative justice services and programs within Lancaster County.

(d) The Justice Council may render advice and technical assistance upon request to agencies of the City and the County especially in areas of an inter-agency or inter-governmental nature.

(e) The Justice Council may, when requested by a member of the Justice Council, develop and make recommendations to the City and the County and the justice agencies therein for the purposes of improving the quality and delivery of justice in Lancaster County.

(f) The Justice Council may gather aggregate justice and related data for analysis and may publish various statistical studies and other reports on matters related to the justice system of Lancaster County.

(g) The Justice Council shall develop criteria and standards with which to carry out its primary responsibility and perform such tasks as stated in Section (2) and Section (3), paragraphs (a) through (f), above.

(h) No action of the Justice Council shall bind or alter the powers and authority of the City or the County or the agencies therein. Further, nothing contained herein is intended or should be construed as constituting the Justice Council as the agent or representative of the City or the County for any purpose except when specifically requested to function as such for those purposes as provided herein.

(i) The Justice Council shall in written form report to the City and the County on a quarterly basis and on its need for operating budget and staff in a manner complementary to the annual budget cycle.

**(4) Coordinator.**

The Coordinator shall be responsible for:

- (a) administration of the Justice Council;
- (b) coordination of justice analyses;
- (c) technical assistance in the administration of grants and grant applications for justice agencies, when appropriate; and

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- (d) any other duties deemed necessary or appropriate by the City and the County.

The Coordinator of the Justice Council shall be appointed by the Lancaster County Board and the Mayor of the city of Lincoln, in consultation with the Justice Council and the Lincoln City Council. The Coordinator shall be contracted as a consultant of the County; shall serve in this contractual service, being subject to the same provisions which apply to all contractual consultants. In the event the Coordinator is a City/County official, the stipend contracted will instead be added on to his/her salary. All other staff, if any, shall be county employees, employed by the Coordinator in accordance with all policies, rules, and regulations of the County Personnel system, and shall service in the County's classified service.

**(5) Duration.**

This Agreement shall be in force beginning November 1, 1988, supersede any prior agreement, and remain in effect until either party gives at least 30 days' notice in writing to the Clerk of the other party of the termination of this Agreement.

**(6) Financing.**

The cost of the Justice Council shall include all staff salaries and benefits, and the costs of all necessary facilities, equipment, and supplies, which shall be procured in accordance with the purchasing requirements of the County. Said cost shall be payable from state, county and city sources. The total contributions by the City and County shall be divided equally.

**(7)** IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the dates indicated below.

(City Resolution No. A-72450, adopted November 21, 1988: County Board approval November 15, 1988).